GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RAISING OF GROUND WATER LEVEL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding raising the ground water level by harvesting additional rain water in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such experiment has been done in any other State and proved successful; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to raise the ground water level in other States ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Central Ground Water Board has implemented a Central Sector Scheme on Study of Recharge to Ground Water on "pilot basis" during the IX Five Year Plan at a cost of Rs. 23.48 crore. Under this scheme, a total number of 174 projects have been identified in 27 States and Union Territories, including in the States of Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh. So far, the assessment has been made in the States of Maharashtra, NCT of Delhi, Karnataka, Punjab, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh, the result of which have been found to be successful.

(d) The Government has proposed a scheme of Recharge to Ground Water with a provision of Rs.150 crore, during the X Five Year Plan, to raise ground water level in other States.